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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/20/06

SPONSOR Begaye LAST UPDATED _____ HB 14

SHORT TITLE San Juan County Indigent Youth Program SB _____

ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
\$100.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Children Youth & Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 14 appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department (HED) to provide operating expenses for a golfing program for indigent youth residing in San Juan County. The bill contains the emergency clause and specifies that the funding is non-reverting.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Approval of this legislation with the emergency clause would enable funds to be utilized beginning in fiscal year 2006. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance will not revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This proposal was not submitted to the Higher Education Department (HED) for consideration during the annual funding recommendation development process. Consequently, no recommend

dition for this purpose is included in the higher education funding recommendations for fiscal year 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

As drafted, this bill would require HED to administer the appropriation. Information provided by HED indicates that San Juan College has served as administrative agent for the existing program that provides these services. HED would likely transfer the appropriation to San Juan College if the current administrative arrangement can be continued.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Information provided by HED indicates that the First Tee Chapter of San Juan County is an educational program that began in 2004. The goal of the program is to provide a solid character building program for the youth of San Juan County, with a primary focus on underprivileged children. The youth golf program focuses on teaching nine core values that include life skills, character, and confidence building to make children aware of the decisions they make on a daily basis and how those decisions impact their futures. San Juan College serves as a partner and fiscal agent for the program. The program uses San Juan College's 501-C3 status to operate the program and to purchase insurance for the program.

ALTERNATIVES

Consideration could be given to appropriating the requested funding directly to San Juan College. Appropriating the funds to HED when San Juan College has served as fiscal agent for the program appears to add an unnecessary step in the administrative process.

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